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35000 VOTING ON "NO SCAB CARGO" BALLOT

S. F. SCALERS STRIKE AGAINST HIRING OF SCABS

National Action Against WPA Is Jobless Threat

NEW YORK WHITE-COLLAR WORKERS DEMONSTRATE AGAINST WAGE CUT

Strike Threat Grows

REP. MARCANTONIO URGES A. F. OF L. SUPPORT OF NATIONAL PROTEST

NEW YORK, N. Y., Aug. 12.—Whi's 20,000 white-collar and professional workers on work relief projects today prepared to demonstrate in front of General Hugh Johnson's office, reports came in from all over the country that additional scores of thousands of workers were preparing to resist the wage-slashing onslaught of President Roosevelt and the Works Progress Administration.

In a radio address last Thursday night, General Johnson, head of the WPA in New York City, practically called for police terror to smash the proposed walkout of skilled workers here. Workers were prepared to strike today, demanding prevailing union wage rates on all jobs, instead of the \$40.50 "security" wage which the government is attempting to establish.

Conservative labor leaders, forced forward by rank and file pressure, have attacked the "no work, no relief" ultimatum of President Roosevelt, which would cut workers off at the same time pushing their drive for the prevailing wage.

MARCANTONIO SUPPORTS STRIKE

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 12—(Daily Worker Bureau)—Following the general relief strike in New York and urging that it spread through the nation, Rep. representative Vito Marcantonio (Continued on Page 5, Col. 5)

Sonoma Strike Scabs Recruited At Point of Gun

VIGILANTES ARE SUED FOR \$10,000 DAMAGES BY WORKER

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 12.—The striking apple pickers of Sonoma County made their exodus from that area the growers have been making desperate efforts to recruit pickers to save their crops. Unemployed workers of Oakland and Berkeley, particularly those on S.F.R.A. have been "hired" to go to Santa Rosa to work in the orchards.

The workers have solidly refused to scab and in San Francisco officials at the S.F.R.A. Transient Relief Service, at 310 Ninth st., have taken somewhat desperate measures. The officials entered the orchards with guns strapped on their thighs, some of them carrying clubs, and ordered the men who were in the place at the time to Santa Rosa. Several truck loads of workers have thus been driven into the Sonoma County strike area to date.

The relief officials even shipped a quantity of mattresses along with the men with the evident intention of preparing quarters for them.

SANTA ROSA, Aug. 12.—Ver non Healey, former Communist candidate for the Assembly and one of the leaders of the apple strike, has filed suit for damages against 77 vigilantes who raided (Continued on Page 5, Col. 5)

MILL STRIKERS FIGHT AGAINST DISCRIMINATION

MANY GAINS LISTED AS LUMBER WORKERS GO BACK TO JOBS

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 12.—Sporadic strikes in several sections of the Northwest were a feature during the past week as lumber workers fought to maintain gains won in the great lumber strike.

Four mills re-opened in Tacoma, Wash., when Sawmill and Timber Union members refused to pass through picket lines established by the boom workers, with whom the lumber operators had refused to sign up.

At Aberdeen, Wash., where National Guard terrorism was particularly atrocious, the battle for union recognition holds the center of the stage. The agreements which so far have been offered by the employers are worse than those under which McCormick mill workers returned to their jobs.

Workers in Aberdeen have responded to the call for unity of action with the Sawmill and Timber Workers Union and are making renewed demands for full union recognition.

STRIKE GAINS LISTED TACOMA, Wash., Aug. 12.—A tremendous stride forward in working class unity, increased wages and shorter working hours and better working conditions have resulted from the strike of 40,000 Northwest lumber workers, a preliminary survey conducted by strike leaders.

The strike, in its thirteenth week, is nearly over. Many agreements have been signed, some of them containing clauses dangerous to the workers and their unions. But strong sentiment prevails within the rank and file for sabotage of the unity of the Seafarers Union by setting up a company union to work in harmony with the shipowners. Jacinto Penalosa, one-time president of the Seafarers, and J. S. Medina, ousted (Continued on Page 4, Col. 7)

Safety and grievance committees already have been established. (Continued on Page 4, Col. 2)

LABOR HEADS IN L.A. FIGHT PWUU

BUZZELL, LABOR COUNCIL SEC'TY, "HAS NO TIME TO AID JOBLESS"

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 10.—Seeking to discourage an alliance between the organized unemployed and union labor, J. W. Buzzell, secretary Central Labor Council here insisted that the whole question of wage scales on works projects be left to the Building Trades Council, when the matter came on the floor of the Central Labor Council last night.

Delegate Kopley of Painters Local No. 511, reported that "the unemployed have the right idea." He declared that the Public Works Unemployed Union is trying to make the unemployed union-minded, and asked that the Central Labor Council investigate the P.W.U.U.

"We've got lots to do, and we can't go running around investigating every little unemployed group," replied Buzzell to the request that the P.W.U.U., with its ten thousand members be considered as a possible ally of organized labor.

* * Wait.

"Why must organized labor depend on outside forces to fight its battles," he continued. "This is the entire subject (works projects wages) at every meeting of the Building Trades Council and I think it should be left to them. Besides, I think we should wait until the new Federal policy is (Continued on Page 2, Col. 6)

SCALERS STRIKE AGAINST MARTIN SHIP COMPANY

MEN REFUSE TO WORK IN COMPANY WITH FINK FOREMAN

SHIPPERS BREAK PACT RENEGADES ATTEMPT TO RECRUIT SCABS FOR SHIPOWNERS

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 12.—The Ship Scalers' Union, Local 38-100, I.L.A., is striking against the Martin Ship Service Company which attempted to force 30 members of the union to work with a scab foreman.

Charlie Bollo, the scab foreman, was hired by the Martin Company despite an agreement between the firm and the Seafarers' Union that only union members would be employed. The company repeatedly has broken this agreement.

The Industrial Union of Marine Shipbuilders of America, Local 7, has promised support to the striking seafarers in case the shippers should attempt to have sealing work performed in the Union Iron Works by scab workers.

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Harold Ashe, representing the Los Angeles section of the Communist Party, charged Hearst with trying to crush militant rank and file movements in the trade (Continued on Page 4, Col. 7)

L.A. BOYCOTTS HEARST IN UNITED FRONT

AUGUST 30 MEET IS FIRST BLOW OF COUNTER OFFENSIVE

By John Broman.

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 11.—The counter-offensive against William Randolph Hearst as America's No. 1 Fascist was gathering momentum here today following a broad United Front conference held last night at the Painters' District Council Hall.

More than 80 delegates from Epic clubs, Utopian groups, trade unions, etc., accepted the report of the provisional committee for the Hearst Boycott, and affiliated with the League Against Yellow Journalism established in Berkeley, Calif.

A gigantic Anti-Hearst Mass Meeting, to be held at the Mason Opera House on Aug. 30 under the auspices of the Friends of the Soviet Union, was also endorsed.

Ed McLarty, of the West Hollywood Epic Group, was elected temporary chairman, with Albert Heltzel of the Glassell Park Epic Club, as secretary. First speaker was Grace E. King of the League Against Yellow Journalism, who outlined the Northern California campaign.

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Meanwhile the Executive Committee of the Pacific District of the International Longshoremen's Association, meeting at Portland has wired the various I.L.A. locals up and down the Coast to refrain from voting on the Federation ballot.

The I. L. A. will conduct an independent ballot.

Rank and file officials of the Longshoremen interpret this as a definite move by the so-called "conservative" leaders who control the Executive Committee toward weakening, if possible, the growing strength of the Maritime Federation, and thus satisfying the desire of the shipowners for open shop conditions along the various waterfronts.

* * Fear Federation.

It was pointed out today by workers on the front here that the shipowners are increasingly fearful lest the Federation, representing at least 35,000 maritime workers, further cement the unity between the different maritime unions. This would be bad, both for the shipowners and the reactionary leaders of some of the maritime unions.

Unconfirmed rumors from Los Angeles declare the reactionaries of the I.L.A. there are not satisfied with the wording of the Federation ballot, which puts the matter of handling scab cargo directly up to the workers themselves in a blunt "yes" or "no" fashion.

Harry Bridges, president of the (Continued on Page 4, Col. 3)

LEWIS BROWNE VISITS RUSSIA

* * * WAS ONCE FEATURE WRITER FOR HEARST

* * * LAUGHS AT "FAMINE" STORIES

By Conrad Seiler.

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Aug. 12.—Lewis Browne, author of "Stranger than Fiction," "That Man Heinie," "Blessed Spinosa," "Since Calvary," and other well known books, has just returned from a trip through the Soviet Union—his second visit in nine years. It is interesting to know that Mr. Browne was formerly a writer for the Hearst press.

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At no stage of Mr. Browne's trip from Odessa through Batum, Tiflis, Kharkov, to Moscow and Leningrad were his movements interfered with in any way, and never was he prevented from seeing anything he wanted to see. He spoke with hundreds of workers and peasants, ate with them in their houses, saw their factories and the vast state and collective farms, their schools, hospitals, and the rest homes.

* * Book Conscious People.

According to Mr. Browne Soviet Russia has become incredibly book conscious. Millions of books are published yearly, penetrating the most distant villages; but the supply cannot keep up with the increasing demand. Everywhere, on streets, in clubs, on the farms, and even in the theatres during the intermission, the Russian workers and peasants—old and young

—are reading and studying scientific books on agronomy and industry, economics and sociology, as well as the classics of literature and current fiction.

"Did you ever see any evidence of starvation in Soviet Russia?" Mr. Browne was asked.

"None whatsoever," he replied. "Wherever I went, there seemed to be an abundance of food."

"Is it true, as the Hearst papers have stated repeatedly, that the Russian working people are groaning under the lash of a ruthless despotism?"

* * Armed Proletariat.

Lewis Browne laughed. "You see the workers, women as well as men, marching by the hundreds of thousands through the streets during their celebrations, all equipped with up-to-date rifles. If the Russian people are dissatisfied with their Soviet form of government, they certainly have plenty of weapons with which to express their dissatisfaction!"

"With complete social security for themselves and their children, Mr. Browne concluded, "with mounting wages and lower prices, limited working hours, free hospitalization and medical attention, free rest homes, with no depression, no unemployment, no racial or sex discrimination, the workers of the Soviet Union have reasons to be proud of their magnificent attainments. There are still many difficulties to be overcome, but if Soviet Russia continues at her present pace, she will soon surpass the rest of the world."

* * * Sell-Out Prevented.

Members of the Women's Action Committees Against the High Cost of Living were called into (Continued on Page 4, Col. 1)

Federation Ballots on Fink Cargo; ILA Will Conduct Separate Vote

5000 APPROVE "VOTE NO" ON SCAB CARGO AT DREAMLAND MEET

Solidarity Shown

LUNDBERG AND BRIDGES EXPOSE WASHINGTON SPLITTING TACTIC

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 12.—Received with enthusiastic applause leading to a spontaneous standing vote of confidence, Harry Bridges, president of District Council No. 2 of the Maritime Federation, reported on the Washington conference at Dreamland Auditorium here last Sunday afternoon to an audience of 3000, all being admitted only by showing union books.

S.S. Point Clear, Pier 54, San Francisco, tied up since June 29, with cargo loaded by scabs at Vancouver, Picketed by the Maritime Federation and not by longshoremen as capitalist sheets attempt to make the public believe.

S.S. Kingsley, Pier 7, San Francisco, also scab loaded in British Columbia, Maritime workers of San Pedro and San Francisco have refused to touch her. The longshoremen are but one of the maritime groups refusing to work the Kingsley. Shippers are attempting to place all the "blame" on the I.L.A. Idle since July 29.

S.S. Point Arena, Howard Terminal here, tied up because bound for British Columbia strike area. Idle since Aug. 2.

S.S. Manukai, Howard Terminal, crew pulled because vessel partially worked by scabs. Idle since Aug. 7.

S.S. Iowan, Pier 26, tied up because employed scabs. Idle since Aug. 5.

S.S. Golden State, Vancouver, tied up when crew refused to work with scab longshoremen. Idle since July 19.

S.S. West Mahwah, Vancouver, tied up when crew refused to work with scabs. Idle since July 19.

S.S. Point Ancha, Vancouver, tied up when crew refused to work with scabs. Idle since July 19.

S.S. Calmar, Sixteenth St. Pier here, tied up when Marine Engineers struck because of no working agreement. Idle since Aug. 9.

S.S. Vermar, Pier 8-B, San Francisco, tied up when Marine Engineers demanded working agreement. Idle since Aug. 9.

S.S. Losmar, tied up in stream, San Francisco, when Marine Engineers demanded working agreement. Idle since Aug. 9.

Harry Bridges, president of the (Continued on Page 4, Col. 3)

A.F.L. SUPPORTS MEAT STRIKE OF DETROIT WOMEN

DRIVE ON HIGH PRICES OF NECESSITIES OF LIFE IS PLANNED

DETROIT, Mich., Aug. 9.—Detroit women have received the support of the Detroit Federation of Labor in their drive to reduce the excessive prices of meat and eventually of other necessities of life.

A resolution expressing sympathy with the striking women was passed over the head of Frank X. Martel, president of the Federation. The strike, which started in Hamtramck, Polish suburb of Detroit, has spread to all parts of Detroit, demanding a reduction of 20 per cent in meat prices.

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Help to Put a United Front Labor Ticket on Next Election Ballot

Price Five Cents

RELIEF STOPPAGE FAILS TO BALK B.C. DOCK STRIKERS

Vancouver Police Pay Runs Short—Great Lakes Strike Halts Freight Ships—Ryan Fear Longshore Walkout

VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 12.—Despite the fact that city officials are attempting to deny all relief to striking longshoremen and seamen here, the ranks of the workers have remained solid.

Attempting to provoke the strikers into untimely action, the Mayor of the city caused police to parade at least 300 scabs past picket lines to the docks. The pickets were outnumbered overwhelm-

ingly and refused to be provoked.

The Vancouver City Council has announced that "the monies apportioned for the police was much over spent" and only enough money was left to carry on for "another three months of the year." Pickets have not relinquished the right to picket, despite the police terror. Police recently were withdrawn from the approaches to the dock but were replaced when efficient picketing began to take its effect upon the scabs.

STRIKE ON LAKES

MONTREAL, Quebec, Aug. 10.—More than 6000 members of the National Seamen's Association struck here yesterday, tying up Canadian shipping on the Great Lakes.

Twelve freighters were tied up in Montreal alone and shipping officials announced almost no traffic could be moved.

The strike was called suddenly when the men became disgusted with long drawn negotiations for a settlement of their demands for higher wages.

RYAN FEARS LONGSHORE STRIKE

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SOVIET POLICY TO BE DEBATED IN L. A. FORUM

EX-SOCIALISTS BUSICK AND ASHE, TO ARGUE

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 9.—William W. Busick, organizer of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, and Harold J. Ashe, an organizer for the Communist Party, will meet here in debate Sunday evening, Aug. 18 at 8 p. m.

Subject of the debate is: "Resolved that the Foreign Policy of the Soviet Union is inconsistent." Busick will take the affirmative and Ashe will uphold the negative.

The debate is being held under the auspices of the Open Forum, 230 S. Spring Street.

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OMAHA WORKERS IN CONFERENCE

STRIKING CARMEN CALL MEET OF UNION TO MAP ACTION

OMAHA, Neb., August 7.—Following the refusal of the Central Labor Union of Omaha to take action on a resolution calling for endorsement of a General Strike discussion at their last meeting, the rank and file committee of 14 representing 300 striking street car men, is preparing a conference of all organized labor, to be called August 14 at the Labor Temple.

This little "if" it is understood, is the insistence of the government and the company that the strikers go back to work at once, pledged beforehand to accept the rulings of the government-appointed arbitration board.

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NEW MEXICO JOINS LABOR PARTY MOVE

S. F. EAST BAY ACT TO FORM UNITED FRONTS OF WORKERS

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 9.—The movement to build a Labor Party, and a United Front of all workers and labor organizations occupying the center of the stage is the disappearance of Harry R. Davis, militant trade unionist and member of the International Seamen's Union, who dropped out of sight in this city some time during July 16 of this year. From all the circumstances of the case, it is suspected by his friends and fellow trade unionists that local vigilantes, with the full knowledge and assistance of members of the Los Angeles Police Department, are responsible for his disappearance.

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EAST OF THE
Rockies

Street Car Strike
Incomplete Victory
Relief Increase Won
Anti Jim-Crowism
"Injunction Judge"

OMAHA, NEB.—A general strike in sympathy with Omaha street car workers was tabled at the last meeting of the Omaha Central Labor Council, but a conference of all supporting unions has been called for August 14. A sweeping injunction has been issued in Council Bluffs under the terms of which three strikers constitute a crowd and could be arrested if they were together. Boycott of the Bakery owned by Peterson, a director of the street car company, has resulted in a drastic falling off in his sales.

WINCHESTER, MASS.—With agreements reached on twenty of thirty-four demands, the 450 strikers of the Beegs and Cobb Tannery have returned to work. The other demands are to be arbitrated. The incomplete victory was due to the action of union officials who went over the heads of the strike committee and agreed to let the Tannery remove \$100,000 in perishable tides, which gave the owners a chance to close the plant entirely with no great loss.

PROVIDENCE, R. I.—The strike of 3,400 Uspharite Worsted Company workers has been declared ended. A settlement was negotiated by United Textile Workers officials without first consulting the strikers, and then submitted to a vote. Of 1,071 votes cast, 412 voted to continue the strike. The main demands of the workers were ignored in the settlement.

OLD MINE, Mo.—The Washington County tin mine strike has extended to include 2,600 miners in all, demanding a raise of \$2 a ton. The strike, which started originally with 200 workers, has spread rapidly, as a result of extremely low wages earned by the miners. Tin is used mainly for white paint.

KANSAS CITY, KAN.—A 20 per cent increase in relief allowances was won by the action of thousands of workers who protested a previous cut. The demonstration, which took place at the county court house, grew out of the order to cut relief pending opening of Works Progress Administration projects. Among demands granted was distribution of free milk for children.

NEW YORK—College students at the College of the City of New York are organizing to protest discrimination against Negroes. Two other municipal colleges, Hunter and Brooklyn, have also organized anti-negro movements. Reunions of the college to hire Negroes for work around the school, and the banishing of a Negro track star from a hotel at the Penn relays are some of the instances of discrimination the movement will fight.

CLEVELAND, OHIO—A campaign to oust "injunction" judge McMahon from the bench has been started by the Small Home and Landowners' Federation, an organization with 10,000 members. Petitions are being circulated with the aim of collecting 40,000 signatures, asking the Court of Appeals to remove the notorious anti-labor judge. He is charged with violating constitutional rights especially in the injunction issued against the Rayon strikers, under which the strikers have already been sentenced.

MILVILLE, N. Y.—500 textile workers of the Milville Manufacturing Company walked out on strike when working hours were increased, but wages were kept at the same level. The strikers members of the United Textile Workers.

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L.A. MILLINERY WORKER ASKS
FIGHT FOR CONTROL OF UNIONResignation of Union Organizer Forced
By Rank and File Membership

By a Worker Correspondent.

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 8.—Since the resignation of Shapiro, organizer of Millinery Local No. 48, which was undoubtedly caused by rank and file pressure, millinery workers feel with justification, that they have accomplished something worth while.

It is now dawning on the millinery workers that the constant attempts of the militants to re-ordinate imposed leadership and introduce a policy of class struggle instead of class collaboration is correct.

The clique that has shaped the policy of the union has been liquidated. But should the rank and file think that their task is finished, then a new clique will be formed very shortly. It is imperative that the rank and file keep a vigilant eye on new developments in our union.

The policy of the rank and file should express itself in the following manner: (1) trade union democracy; (2) correct analysis of brother Cerrano's statements regarding workers' conditions; (3) constructive criticism without any shade of antagonism should be our motto, and (4) the formation of a strong rank and file organization committee.

Two mass meetings have been held and the attendance reached between 150 to 200 workers. The workers have exhibited a splendid spirit both of organizational program and the plank of demands, the outstanding of which was the raise in wages in the various crafts.

This meeting was sponsored jointly by the International Labor Defense and Committee of Action representative of the field workers. Speakers represented the I.L.D., organizations of the unemployed and Filipino and Mexican organizations.

Telegrams of solidarity from San Luis Obispo, Atascadero and Santa Barbara were read at the meeting. The Oxnard workers adopted a resolution in support of the Santa Rosa apple strikers and condemning the vigilante actions there.

Another meeting is scheduled for Oxnard, representatives of Mexican, Filipino and white workers in the fields and sheds, to be held on Aug. 14.

POLICE ATTACK
WORKERS' MEETAGRICULTURAL WORKERS
OF MANY RACES TAKE
STEPS FOR UNION

(By a Worker Correspondent)

OXNARD, Calif., Aug. 12.—The agricultural workers of this locality held an open air meeting in the Court House Plaza last Thursday evening to organize themselves into a union to combat the miserable wages now paid in the fields.

While the 400 Mexican, Filipino, Negro and Japanese workers were in the midst of their meeting Chief of Police Kerrick, deputies from the Sheriff's office and gangs of vigilantes attacked them. The things beat and kicked the workers and cursed them wildly. Chief Kerrick is the same gunman who led the slaying of beet strikers in 1933, and is now under Grand Jury indictment for a more recent beating of some workers.

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According to rules and regulations of the international union, an executive board should be elected every six months. The time for such elections is long over due. But to our knowledge such elections will not be held. Instead a number of workers may be drafted to join the old executive committee. The rank and file should protest vigorously against such undemocratic procedure and demand immediate election of an executive committee.

If the rank and file will carry out the above mentioned policy, watch carefully the progress of the union, and take an intensive part in present and future work. The millinery workers of Los Angeles will have a strong functioning union. On to organization and victory!

BANKERS SOUND
CALL FOR REAL
FASCIST RULECAPITAL MUST PROTECT
ITSELF," BOSSSES SAY

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 12.—If you're of the opinion the bankers are not class-conscious, read this excerpt from an article in the "Bankers' Magazine," May 21, 1934, and intended only for private circulation:

"Capital must protect itself in every possible way, through combination and legislature."

"Debts must be collected and loans and mortgages foreclosed as quickly as possible. When, through a process of law, the common people have lost their homes, they will be more tractable and be more easily governed through the strong arm of the law applied by the central powers of wealth, under the control of leading financiers."

"People without homes will not quarrel with their leaders, history repeats itself in regular cycles."

"This is well known among our men now engaged in forming an Imperialism of Capital to govern the world."

"By dividing the votes, we can get them to expend their energies in fighting over questions of no importance to us, except as teachers of the common herd. Thus, by discreet action we can secure for ourselves what has been generally planned and successfully accomplished."

Communists Offer
3-Cornered Debate
to Fish, Sinclair

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 10.—Insisting that, so long as Ham Fish and Upton Sinclair continue to attack the Communist Party in their "debate," they should be willing to actually debate the issue, the Los Angeles Section of the Communist Party has challenged both Fish and Sinclair to a three-cornered debate with a Communist Party representative.

The Party proposes to Sinclair and Fish that they meet a Communist at their Hollywood Bowl debate Sunday, August 18 at 3 p.m. Harold J. Ashe, Communist Party candidate for Secretary of State in the last elections, has been chosen to uphold the Communist position, in the event that Fish and Sinclair accept the challenge.

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HEARST IS
Getting Hurt

That William Randolph Hearst is feeling labor's boycott of his newspapers is shown by the drop in his June business, as compared with June of a year ago. According to Media Records, the Hearst press carried 607,496 lines less in advertising. On the other hand, in all cities where Hearst has publications all other papers gained 413,450 lines.

Here are a few "drops": Losses for June (in lines) were: Chicago American, 118,397; Chicago Herald-Examiner, 59,150; New York American, 717,151; New York Journal, 125,029; Boston American, 76,702; Albany Times-Union, 147,907; Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph, 130,587.

No recent circulation figures are available, but the drop in advertising undoubtedly reflects a drop in the number of Hearst readers.

Here are the Hearst propaganda concerns which all workers on the West Coast should boycott:

The combined circulation of the Hearst papers is 4,100,000.

— NEWSPAPERS —

SAN FRANCISCO EXAMINER,
SAN FRANCISCO CALL-BULLETIN,
LOS ANGELES EXAMINER,
LOS ANGELES HERALD and EXPRESS,
OAKLAND POST-ENQUIRER,
SEATTLE POST-INTELLIGENCER.

— MOVIES —

HEARST METROTONE NEWS (newsreel)
WARNER BROTHERS FILMS,
COSMOPOLITAN PRODUCTIONS (films).

— MAGAZINES —

HEARST'S INTERNATIONAL combined with COSMOPOLITAN,
HARPER'S BAZAAR,
MOTOR and MOTOR BOATING,
PICTORIAL REVIEW,
AMERICAN DRUGGIST

MINE, SMELTER WORKERS SHOW
MILITANCY AT NATIONAL MEETWorkers Wage Battle to Uphold Fighting
Spirit of Haywood, Pettibone, Moyer

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, August 12.—The story of the struggle of the hard rock miners of the Inter-Mountain West is a neglected chapter in American working class history. The picture drawn by capitalist historians of a hard rock miner, as a rugged individual, setting forth into the wilderness with nothing but a burro for a companion is a distortion, characteristic of all bourgeois history.

Forty years ago metal mining in the Inter-Mountain west was big business and the hardrock miners were organized into the Western Federation of Miners, an organization which depended on its rank and file and the strike weapon alone to win its battles. The Western Federation of Miners gave birth to the Industrial Workers of the World in the Inter-Mountain West.

for the defense of Tom Mooney. Resolutions were introduced calling for the formation of an American Labor Party, the freedom of all political prisoners, against war and fascism, for industrial unionism, against militarization of CCC camps, and for minimum wage of \$75.00 per month for boys in CCC camps; for confiscation of munition plants, and a general strike in case of war.

The report of officers showed that the organization had made gains where the union was under rank and file control, notably in the Montana district. But that where the organization had been under reactionary leadership it sustained losses. This was the cause of much discussion, and the convention went into executive session to consider ways and means of carrying on an organizational drive.

The convention will be in session the remainder of the week and this report is necessarily incomplete, but the proceedings so far are enough to convince any one that rank and file membership of The Mine Mill and Smelter Workers Union have joined the longshoremen and seamen of the western coast in the fight to make the A. F. of L. a class conscious militant organization.

STERILIZATION
BEFORE PARDON,
GOVERNOR SAYS

MILITIA HERDING OREGON
GOVERNOR APES HITLER

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 12.—Governor Charles H. Martin, who called out the National Guards in an attempt to smash the Northwest Lumber Strike, has decreed that all applicants for executive pardons hereafter must agree to sterilization before the pardon is to be considered.

Adolph Hitler of Germany some time ago promulgated a similar decree as part of his attempt to crush political opposition to his regime of butchery.

Governor Martin is a former officer and congressman. Oregon has officially sterilized more than 1,000 persons since the state sterilization law went into effect seventeen years ago.

Martin has been in office since January. During the eight months he has occupied the governor's mansion, he has averaged a little more than a pardon a month and several of these were granted for purposes of deportation.

— Labor Party.

A message from Tom Mooney to the convention was read and a motion carried that a drive be put on in all locals to raise funds

ROOSEVELT'S WAGE-CUTTING
RELIEF SET UP HIT IN MEETBosses' Red Scare Campaign Only Serves
to Publicize Aug. 7 Mass Rally

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif., Aug. 12.—An enthusiastic mass demonstration against Roosevelt's new Works Progress wage-cutting relief program was carried through here, last Wednesday evening, August 7.

350 workers, of many races, from all sections of San Bernardino County, from Riverside and other towns, carried the banners of the 15 organizations which are affiliated with San Bernardino County Association of Labor and Relief.

Promptly at 7 P. M. the march began, from the Santa Fe depot, down the length of Third Street, through the business section to a vacant lot on the South Side of the city, opposite Meadowbrook Park. The workers marched in orderly procession, four abreast, between sympathetic throngs who lined the sidewalks on both sides of the streets. Many of these spectators joined the march.

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SOVIET UNION—Progress in the welfare of Soviet workers is insured by the growth of the number of livestock, indicated by the annual census taken in June. In Karkhov Province, in the Ukraine, reports so far show a growth of 23.4 per cent in the number of cattle, 28.1 per cent in the number of sheep, and 50.6 per cent in the number of hogs compared with the previous year. This contrasts with a drastic decline in livestock in the United States.

FRANCE—The teachers of France are moving leftward politically, and against fascism. At the Congress of the Teachers Syndicate, with 80,000 members, resolutions were adopted demanding the seizure of banks and imprisonment of the directors, seizure of the press and purification of the army. The Teachers Syndicate has always been radical, but is more so now than ever, and forms an influential part of the United Front.

MEXICO—A three-day convention of the League Against Imperialist War and Fascism received enthusiastic reception here. Plans were made to fight fascism in Mexico. It was proposed to form a Popular Front, similar to that of France, to fight for Democratic rights. Speakers denounced the government's plan to militarize the peasants.

FRANCE—The pressure of life in a capitalist country is aptly illustrated here by the increase of suicides. More than 3,000 persons took their lives in 1934, as compared to 1,600 in 1928 in Paris alone. Increasing unemployment, and decreasing security and lower living standards for those employed, are considered the reasons for the drastic increase in suicides.

SWEDEN—The position of the Swedish worker is becoming steadily worse under the Socialist-Reform Parties that are in power there, according to the report of Comrade Linderoth of Sweden at the World Congress of the Communist International. After three years unemployment is still high, and conditions for the employed worse, with police terror being called upon to suppress the workers. Under the leadership of the Communist Party, the Socialist government was compelled to withdraw a bill directed against the trade unions.

SOVIET UNION—The Soviet railroad workers proudly announced to Comrade Stalin that their branch of economy, once the most backward in the country, has fulfilled its plan for the seven months of this year in full, and now is loading nearly a third more cars daily than last year at the same time. Stalin addressed a group of 400 railwaymen, assembled in Moscow, to discuss further improvement of their work.

With industry so far fulfilling its plan, and prospects of a record grain crop, all important branches of Soviet economy are operating more smoothly at a higher rate than at any time since the formation of the Soviet Union.

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FOREIGN NEWS

Briefs

237 Polish Strikes
Soviet Livestock
Teachers Go Red
Suicides Increase
Socialist Railways

POLAND—Official government figures show that in the first three months of this year, 237 strikes took place in Poland, affecting 3,804 enterprises. Over 129,000 workers took part in the strikes. The strike wave is attributed to steadily falling wages, which together with increasing unemployment has made the lot of the Polish workers unbearable.

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Militant Worker Faces Deportation

Members of Spokane Union, in Letter to Western Worker, Tells of Dan Agalos' Lifelong Struggle for His Class

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 12.—The following letter has just been received from a member of the Cooks and Waiters Local No. 400 of Spokane, Wash. Dan Agalos is held for deportation to Greece on charges of "advocating the overthrow of the Government by force and violence." On the 18th of July he was sent to Ellis Island in New York.

His deportation to Greece was stayed with a writ of habeas corpus, sued out by an attorney for the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born.

Spokane, Wash. Western Worker

Dear Comrades: I am a member of the Cooks and Waiters International Union (A. F. of L.) No. 400, of Spokane, Wash. Dan Agalos, who is at present at Ellis Island waiting for deportation—or for the working class to speak—was a member of the same union in good standing, when he was hustled away on a deportation train.

In addition to being a trade union sister with Dan, I was a very close personal friend of his, and I certainly knew his working class history.

For the benefit of our working class brothers I hope you see in to print the most interesting parts of this letter, or all of it.

Dan Agalos came to this country at the age of 15 years. He had no connections in America, but within a year went to work for the Milwaukee Railroad as a section man. At that time he became a member of the American Federation of Labor.

Within two years after he went to work he became section man. That position he held for 21 years.

All these many years he contributed heavily to working class organizations, both in mining and in time. Many and many was the complete pay check he turned over to working class organizations. All these years he belonged to the A. F. of L.

When in 1932 he led a united front demonstration in Butte, Mo., for more relief and higher pay for the miners, the Milwaukee R. R. fired him. He came at that time to Spokane.

On July 2, 1933, 24 hours after he spoke at a meeting of railroad

MEAT STRIKERS FIGHT AGAINST HIGH PRICES

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Prosecutor McRea's office with the idea of taking them out of the strike. Under the leadership of Mrs. Mary Zuk, the prosecutor came out a poor second, and Hearst's Detroit Times came in for some severe panning for its lying reports on the strike. An instance of this was the provoking of a fight by the Times reporter so he could get pictures of a strike "disturbance."

McRea, who suggested that the women start with milk instead of meat, as being necessary to children, was squelched by the answer that after meat prices had been driven down, the women would take care of milk prices.

Big Packers Fought.

Replying to long-winded speeches of alleged experts trying to prove the necessity of high meat prices, Mrs. Zuk said:

"Do you think we are going to let our children starve and become tubercular? We'll strike for a year, if necessary, to bring down the price of meat so that we can eat. We are not again the little butchers. Our friends are against the big packers and chain stores in the price of meat keeps going up as it is the little butchers will be all replaced by the big fellows."

Pointing to huge profits of the big packers and the large stores of meat on hand, she declared the women would continue the strike to a successful conclusion.

One-man cars mean one man starves! Boycott one-man cars and protest the injunction granted to the Market Street Railway by Judge Louderback.

ALASKA MINERS DEFENSE BALES OUT THIRTEEN

JUNEAU UNITED FRONT COMMITTEE INCLUDES I.L.D.

workers he was arrested. He was arrested by U. S. Immigration officials for his working class activities in Butte, and Great Falls, Mo. This was the first time in Dan's life time that he had ever been arrested for anything whatsoever and after a hearing he laid in the Federal tank at the county jail for 4 months before bond could be raised.

After he did go out on bond, for two years around Spokane, he never ceased to give his entire time and money to the working class. Shortly after he got out of jail he became a cook's helper in a cafe and immediately became a member of the Cooks and Waiters No. 400; where perhaps he was the most militant rank and file member in the local, never missing a meeting and always placing working class measures on the floor.

This is, in brief, an outline of Dan's life in the U. S. and certainly a more worthy worker was never known. I am positive if the workers in this country could all read this, their voice would be heard by Francis Perkins and the pressure brought on the Department of Labor would save him from deportation to Greece.

As I said before, I would like to see this letter get before the working class.

Congradately,
Caroline A. Haggan,
1903 W. College
Spokane, Washington.

MARINE UNIONS VOTE ON SCAB CARGO HANDLING

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San Francisco local of the I.L.D., was present at the Portland meeting this week, representing the actual rank and file of the Longshoremen. He was badly outmanned however, by the reactionary clique, comprising among others Paddy Morris, William J. Lewis, and Peterson, Ryan-appointed West Coast organizer.

Meanwhile the Scalers and the Bargeemen of the I.L.D. here, it was reported this morning, already had started marking their Federation ballots.

ON THE LABOR DEFENSE FRONT

Gallup Defense Fights In Face of Boss Terror

Legionaires, Thugs and Loafers Hired By Morgan Owned Gallup American Coal Company to Smash Working Class Movement

By an Eye Witness.

GALLUP, N. M., Aug. 12.—This town today is a camp of open fascists.

Since the bloody events of April 4, when deputies murdered two innocent workers and accidentally shot and killed their own sheriff, this little coal mining town, which forms a part of the vast industrial empire of J. P. Morgan, has been in the grip of a reign of terror directed against the entire working class population.

The terror first manifested itself in wholesale raids made by deputies, mine guards, gun thugs and loafers, on workers' headquarters—raids during which workers, men, women and children were horribly beaten, union cards and organization papers and funds stolen, seventy-one workers arrested for deportation, and more than 200 workers jailed after closed hearings.

This united front has launched a petition drive, to collect thousands of signatures, demanding of Dist. Attorney Win. Holzheim and Gov. John W. Troy that the charges be dropped and the workers released.

To build support in the Northwest and along the Pacific Coast, a sub-committee has been set up in Seattle, with offices at 309 Lyon Blvd. The committee is seeking to collect an immediate defense fund of \$1000.

Of the 16 riot defendants, arrested following the attack by deputies and Co. guards on the miners' picket line on June 25, two are members of the I.L.D., and the others are members of the Miners' Union.

The workers with whom we met told us that a vigilante organization has been formed in Gallup, of legionaires, mine guards, gun thugs and Ku Klux Klansmen imported from Texas, receiving pay in their capacity of spies and terrorists. Important information we later were able to substantiate by our own investigation and that of a defense attorney, proved to us that:

The Gallup American Coal Company is providing the money for the vigilante organization; that it is under the control of the mine operator, Moses and Senator Voge; that it is working in harmony

* Street Meetings.

Our first act in Gallup was to meet secretly with a small group of the most active and trusted workers still carrying on working class struggle in this terror-ridden town. From them we learned that all the forces of the city, state and federal administrations have formed a close united front with the Morgan-controlled Gallup American Coal Company, the prosecution in the case of the fourteen workers, the Gallup press, the relief administration, the Young Democrats, the labor misleaders of the United Mine Workers of America, and other reactionary elements.

This united front is making a supreme effort to railroad the fourteen innocent workers, including three women, to death in the electric chair, or to long prison terms. The ultimate aim is to crush forever the entire working class movement in Gallup.

Through underground channels, similar to those used by the workers today in fascist Germany, the first group of workers with whom we met communicated with other workers, and on our second night in Gallup we made our way cautiously through the town to hold a secret meeting outside the city limits with the most militant and trusted workers available. From this group we learned the full extent of the terror in Gallup.

The conference then voted to meet again on Saturday, August 31, at the same place, and a steering committee of seven was elected to carry on the work until that time.

UNITED FRONT TO BOYCOTT HEARST IN L.A.

(Continued From Page 1) unions, and with slanderous attacks on rank and file leaders, such as Harry Bridges.

"I know no Hearst newspaperman—and I know many of his newspapermen—who has any respect whatsoever for William Randolph Hearst," said Ashe. "Not one."

"Let us not narrow our Hearst boycott to personal hate, however," continued Ashe. "Let us make this conference also a warning to the Harry Chandlers and other publishers and other capitalists, who attack the working class."

"I pledge that the Communist Party will be foremost in this fight against Hearst."

A Hearst newsboy described the necessity of organizing the newsboys in the fight against Hearst, relating that they are forced to "eat" the papers they cannot sell.

The conference then voted to meet again on Saturday, August 31, at the same place, and a steering committee of seven was elected to carry on the work until that time.

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DELAY HEARING ON PAROLE FOR CHAS. KRUMBEIN

IN PRISON ON TECHNICAL PASSPORT VIOLATION

NEW YORK, Aug. 9—Although Charles Krumbein, confined in the Northeastern Federal Penitentiary for a technical passport violation, became eligible for parole last Saturday, no definite date has been set by the Federal Board of Parole for a hearing of his application.

The boy's parents have been cut off from all relief and are entirely dependent upon the \$25 monthly the boy earns in a Wyoming C. C. Camp.

In a letter to his mother, he says: "I am getting sick of the C. C. Camp. We have had two strikes since my last letter, and all the strikers were discharged, about one hundred boys altogether. The strikes were in protest against the food we have been getting. The meat is rotten. I worked in the kitchen a few days and I had to eat maggots out of it before they cooked it. At that they hardly feed us enough to keep us alive."

"You may think that I am exaggerating, but I am not. I would like to come home and maybe I could get a job there, but if you need the money very bad, I will stick out my time."

If he deserts, the youth fears that his parents will not be able to get relief in lieu of his \$25. And if he deserts, he finds himself 1500 miles from home.

east attack are seen in the lowering of relief to an actual starvation level. Before April 4th the unemployed workers of Gallup, through militant strength had won a standard of relief high for the state of New Mexico. Now some families of the prisoners who are now held in the murder and aiding a prisoner to escape case.

Even more vicious, perhaps, is the determined drive of the Gallup fascists to split the ranks of the working class by an effort to incite the Spanish-American workers against the Mexican workers.

The Young Democratic Club and the Spanish-American organizations are the spearheads of this attack.

The leaders of these organizations, faithful servants of the ruling class, and abetted by the federal immigration officials, carry on lynch mob agitation against the Mexican workers, and have even induced some misguided Spanish-American workers to circulate petitions calling for the deportation of all Mexican workers.

At the only public meeting allowed since April 4th, a demonstration of unemployed Mexican workers were kept away at the point of guns.

Sabotaging the defense of the fourteen innocent Gallup workers is but a part of the drive against the working class movement in Gallup. Agents are known to have approached relatives of the defendants with offers to "free" their indicted relatives in return for their perjured testimony or stoolie pigeon activity.

* Relief \$8 Monthly.

The workers of Gallup are struggling bravely against this fascist drive to destroy their organizations, but they are struggling against terrific odds. During the first raid and the arrest of some 600 workers, Sheriff Dee Roberts was heard to say, "Now there won't be no more strikes in Gallup. We're going to put things back the way they were twenty years ago."

Twenty years ago there was no union, no Communist Party, no International Labor Defense, no Unemployment Council, no working class organization of any kind.

These undaunted working class leaders will carry out their program of defense against the attacks of the fascists. But they must have help to win their fight.

Much money is needed for this defense, which is now seriously endangered by a shortage of funds. Contribute all you can. Donations should be sent to Gallup Defense Committee, Box 204, Denver, Colorado, or to Box 1021, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Join NOW the United Front for

the defense of the Gallup workers.

Send protests to Governor Tingley in Santa Fe, New Mexico, demanding their release. Build the Defense!

Already the effects of this fas-

Veterans Object to German Trip by Band

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 12.—The Veterans of Foreign Wars national office has forbidden the Warren Boys' Band, "sponsored by the post, from accepting an invitation to tour Germany. The telegram sent out declared the Hitler government as "antagonistic to every American principle."

These anti-labor activities will be justified by the employers and

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Jobless Jottings

By the Boondoggler (L. A.)

Local packers of San Jose received the government purchase of 11,000 tons of surplus prunes that threatened to reduce prices of the present crop. A few of these prunes may ultimately storm the barriers of government red tape and find their way through the Federal Surplus Relief Corporation to the hungry stomachs of the people on relief.

But the major portion will no doubt go the way of the surplus prunes of a year ago in Philadelphia, when thousands of gallons were drenched with gasoline and under United States Marshals guns burned at the dump.

Ignoring the pistols and the blazing gasoline hungry squatters tried to fish the fruit from the flames with long poles . . .

Some succeeded.

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Workers on relief who sustained injury in the Griffith Park brush fire of Oct. 3 1933, wherein about a hundred of their fellow workers met a flaming death, are not entitled legally to receive compensation from Los Angeles City or County. This is the recent ruling of the District Court of Appeals in the case of Alex Wolf, relief worker who was seriously burned helping combat the fire by orders of the straw boss.

If Alex was a wealthy polo player, yachtsman and politician, full of wine and slightly shaken in an automobile accident, damages would be collectable . . .

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QUESTION: What one among you if a child ask for food will give him a flag?

Answer: Harry Boyett newly elected county commander of the American Legion, who advocates creating in each school district the post of director of Patriotic Activities . . .

The duties of the Patriotic Director will be much less arduous if the P.T.A. and the Board of Education supplies free hot lunches to the undernourished school children.

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The Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce wires California in Washington: "In the interest of the UNEMPLOYED we urge caution in application of soak-the-rich taxes . . .

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The L. A. Transient Relief is sending \$500,000 to send a family back east against their wishes rather than give the wife a blood transfusion . . .

After reaching their destination they are to be retained on relief.

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The government through the ERA is spending \$2,500 to keep the pieces from perching on the town hall in Arlington, Mass.

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CCC workers are building a fence 40 miles long up the side of Mt. Mauna Kea in Hawaii, enclosing 68,000 acres to protect young trees from the wild goats.

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Seven million children in America are estimated to suffer from malnutrition.

List of Hollywood Anti-Labor Films

Hollywood is outdoing itself in the number of anti-labor films produced in recent months. Here is a list of the most flagrant of these. Organizations, and individuals as well, are urged to take action against these films, wherever they are shown or advertised.

Hearst Metrotone Newsreel, Black Fury—Warner Brothers.

Stranded—Warner (Hearst) Classmates Forever—Warner (Hearst).

San Quentin—Warner Brothers.

Special Agent—Warner (Hearst).

Call to Arms (Together We Live)—Columbia.

Red Salute—United Artists.

Annapolis Farewell—Paramount.

Professional Soldier—M.G. M.

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P. W. A. PROTESTS

(Continued from Page 1) jets, although some time ago it was stated by relief officials this would be started on Aug. 1.

Meanwhile, Works Progress officials have admitted resentment against the Roosevelt \$50 per month "security" wage is strong both among organized and unorganized workers.

It was unofficially reported last week leaders of the Building Trades unions, while not taking a definite stand against the new program, have asked that the prevailing trade union rates be paid all workers under the new set-up.



RECOMMENDED ENTERTAINMENT - SCREEN AND STAGE
SAN FRANCISCO—In a collection of just-so films you can take your choice. Perhaps the least dull is "The Irish in Us" at the St. Francis. (Reviewed in this issue.)

"THE IRISH IN US"
(Warner Bros. film at St. Francis; with Jimmie Cagney, Pat O'Brien, Frank McHugh, Allan Jenkins).

Take a devoted old Irish man, three devoted sons, write a yarn around the most reliable old tape, dust off the mixture, spend half a million dollars on this creation, and you have "The Irish in Us."

One of the boys is a handsome cop, viewed in his noblest moments of tear-jerking family affection, and never seen collecting taxes from street walkers, or clubbing pickets. This typical Cossack is played by Pat O'Brien. The second husky young public servant is Frank McHugh, a comedy fireman (and the only person in the film you can watch with pleasure.)

Cagney is the semi-parasitic brother who manages a stream of pugs who invariably miss the championship in their fist fights. O'Brien is in love with his police captain's daughter (dressing very impeccably, played by Olivia de Haviland.) She paws around with the simple cop.

But Jimmie appears on the scene and the gal is done for. The lovers don't bother to find out if they have interests in common. You can see at once that they are doomed to take the pledge for life as the result of possessing healthy glands. Home relations among the brothers are very bad. A woman has come between all.

The windup arrives when Jimmie himself substitutes for his

own pug who gets drunk (in a funny scene with McHugh) on the eve of fighting the champ (no less!) Things are going very badly in the ring until Brother Pat at the ringside nobly loosens up and tells Jimmie that the gal is his as far as he is concerned.

If you don't know what happens next, you must be a Fiji Islander (who has never seen a movie).

After all, even the Fiji Islanders must have seen a thousand pictures like this, too.

Most of the "comedy" in this film remains very much alleged.

Cagney nobly refrains from trying to steal the picture, which he probably could have done in spite of the mustiness of his role.

There are several good laughs, but they are the kind that make you feel like a sap afterwards, because the situations that develop them are so false in the most-hackneyed way.

Perhaps the worst thing about this very ordinary movie is the launching upon the screen of the world of a new "mother." Be prepared for a lot of "mother" pictures, all very low in the water with a terrific load of sentimental slush.

Olivia, the gal, is not an actress. There must be thousands of deserving young girls who can do better in such a role, but the Hollywood tradition of the frigid classic physiognomy will never give them a chance.

The film lacks the typical Warner attention to detail that has lent interest to previous films equally shallow.



By LOU MCLEAN

Of all the billions of words that are poured out in newspapers in the United States not one half of one per cent are fit to read.

Streaming headlines tell the reading masses that so and so committed suicide; that Mr. Rich Man got lost on his yacht; that

the Playboy millionaire and his sweetie decide to go to the bottom of the sea in rubber pants to get married. In other words: So what?

Do the papers signed by the sacred cows of a multimillionaire tell the millions of workers employed and unemployed, how they can better their social conditions; do these grand advertising mediums of the upper class tell us how we too can get the things in life that only parasites on our present economic and social system can afford?

Does the Capitalist press even report the TRUTH about the USSR? This meeting of workers of the World; the leaders of the Working Class? The truth? Of course not!

Then where has the worker to go to get the real reportage on the activities of their class? I only know a few channels of information that one can read. Namely the DAIRY WORKER which gives a day-to-day account of the great meeting now being held in Moscow. The Western Worker reports twice weekly to the workers the going-on of their leaders.

Workers! The workers press is your paper. It is open to you for your problems. It has a column for your news. Write into the Daily Worker and the Western Worker your news. Subscribe and get subscriptions from the friends that you have in shop and field.

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Rome lies in ruins. Paris and London have seen their day; New York City is a hulk of what might have been a great ship of progress. All eyes are turned to the USSR in general and Moscow in particular. Why?

While Capitalist countries with their great hearts, the large cities, pump the rotten blood of capital into the nation, with millions of producers, the workers, the idle, Moscow leaps into action.

Under socialist planning and the workers' initiative a new city is being born. This little pamphlet tells the workers of all lands how

the Communists Party does not represent vague, unorganized sentiment or opinion. It is closely organized, a disciplined body with clear-cut principles and a plan of action. The organizational structure and delegation of responsibilities are closely patterned to meet the realistic needs of the Party task. So related are the tasks and the organizational structure that an understanding of one is essential to a full understanding of the other. Party organization is Party theory translated into action.

This 127 page pamphlet fills a need hitherto unfulfilled. It should be regarded as required reading for both Party members and prospective members. Its contents are divided into five sections: Fundamentals of the Party Program, Basic Principles of Party Organization, Structure and Functions of Party Organizations, Party Membership and Cadres, Rules and Methods for Disciplinary Cases.

Mussolini Forced To Give Pep Talks

NEW YORK, Aug. 12—David Barron, former Rome correspondent for the Chicago Tribune and banished from Italy, declared that Mussolini was obliged to give "pep talks" to sustain the spirits of his troops. The troops are reportedly intensely dissatisfied and ready to rebel. A defeat in Ethiopia would cook Mussolini's goat politically.

WESTERN WORKER

Roosevelt Slashes Wages For Bosses

With More Than Fourteen Million Jobless, President Issues Works Progress Edict Which Reduces Living Standards and Creates Slave Labor for the Big Employers

By DON RUSSEL

Approximately 14,525,000 workers are still unemployed in the United States, according to a preliminary report of the National Research League. Employment was lower 200,000 in March 1935, that it was during the dollar deviation boomlet in the Fall of 1933.

In the meantime the number of available workers has risen steadily so that the number of unemployed is actually 1,200,000 higher than it was in October, 1933.

Still, very few workers have thus far been put to work under the Roosevelt Works Progress Administration. The president proposes to put 3 1/2 millions of people to work, most of them to be taken from present relief rolls, and to spend approximately \$4,000,000 by July, 1936.

* Poor Arithmetic.

His mathematics, as well as his intentions, are subject to suspicion. In the first place, on a basis of the \$50 per month average wage which he proposes to establish, it is easy to see that instead of the former figure, at least \$5,250,000,000 will be needed. If the prevailing wage rates were adhered to, it would cost the Works Progress Administration more than \$8,000,000,000 to keep 3 1/2 millions at work until July, 1936. "In other words, the amount to be expended will not only not give employment to 3 1/2 million people, but the sum itself is approximately half of that which would be required if prevailing wages were to be paid."

President Roosevelt's executive order of May 20, providing starvation wages as low as \$19 per month on the Works Progress jobs, officially reduces still further the so-called "American standard of living." Wall Street writers have applauded the order as a "sound economic decision as well as a commendable social move."

(United Business Service, May 25, 1935.)

* Starvation Wage.

Harry L. Hopkins, Federal Emergency Relief Head and now head of the Works Progress Administration, has been given power to "adjust" wages up to 10 per cent in accordance with local wage conditions, within the wage range provided by Roosevelt.

Under the WPA, four wage differentials are to prevail. Monthly wages thus will range for unskilled, from \$19 to \$55; intermediate from \$27 to \$65; skilled from \$35 to \$85; and for professional and technical workers, from \$39 to \$94, with the latter as the top rate.

Four zones have been established: deep South, middle South, central and northern states. Within these four zones, wages are to range according to size of cities: less than \$3,000; from \$3,000 to \$25,000; from \$25,000 to \$50,000; from \$50,000 to \$100,000 and over \$100,000.

* Wage Cutting.

The rates established by Roosevelt are far below present industrial wages. The rates, for example, are below present PWA, SERA and CCC wages.

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According to President P. E. Sullivan of the Chicago Building Trades Council, "This scale is a 100 per cent reduction for the great majority of our trades." In New York City, for example, a technical worker now gets \$104 per month, so the \$94 top monthly rate on work relief will mean a 10 per cent cut. Other professional and technical workers in New York City who now receive wages ranging from \$24 per week to \$69, will receive wages cut from \$2 to \$182 per month.

* Forced Labor.

On PWA work, bricklayers, plumbers and plasterers receive \$1.50 an hour or \$12 per day for five days, a month—or \$60 for 40 hours' work. If the 130-hr. monthly standard on PWA is required from these workers at the \$85 monthly work relief wage, they would suffer a cut from \$1.50 to only 65 cents per hour.

It clearly can be seen what effect these drastic wage reductions are going to have upon employers in private industry. And General Hugh S. Johnson, former NRA boss, whose "bright sayings" are a

pretty good reflection of official Roosevelt wage-reduction program sentiment, says that "Whenever a worker gets a chance to take a private job, even if it pays less than he is getting on relief, he should be made to take that job."

* Backs Employers.

Southern senators are reading into the President's announced wage differential in the relief program justification for the lower wages paid in the Southern textile mills. They point out that the argument advanced by the President for lower rates in rural and small communities and in sections where climatic conditions tend to decrease living costs is identical with one urged by Southern manufacturers.

President Roosevelt established the present relief wage schedule expressly at the bidding of the National Chamber of Commerce and the National Manufacturers Association. He deliberately cut wages so that workers on relief would be obliged to accept jobs in private industry at slightly higher scales.

* No Effect on Consumer.

As a contribution to consumer buying power the new relief wage nothing less than ridiculous. The highest rate possible, will net the worker but \$1,125 per year. The wage of \$19 per month totals \$28 a year. But even the highest rate is less than half what experts declare is required to assure a moderately full life for the typical American family.

In Zones 3 and 4, where 8,000 Negroes live, wages are to be lowest—\$21 and \$19 monthly, respectively. This wage particularly attacks the Negro population of the country. And Southern Newspapers were quick to see in the

result is more than plus 10 per cent, he needs treatments for hyperthyroidism.

Meanwhile, he should buy some tetracaine potassium bromide tablets and take one every three hours during the day and two at bed-time. This will stop the nervousness.

We would like to hear from P. C. as to what the results are in using these militant tactics.

Nevada City, Calif. Dear Comrade Doctor: I want to know if Ovaltine is made to sell, or is it really all it claims?

J. D. F.

ANSWER: This is a cereal beverage with quite a bit of food value. The label of acceptance of the American Medical Association is not on the package, so its advertising is probably exaggerated.

I would appreciate it very much if you could give me some advice.

Comradely, P. C.

ANSWER: This is probably another case of the old game of "rummy-round" which is a favorite occupation of the clinics. After the bosses have made one of their workers chronically ill through poor job conditions, they have no more use for him and shove him from one agency to another until he gives up or fights back.

The diagnosis on the case would probably be quite simple to make if the clinics made a real effort

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WHO DEFENDS DEMOCRACY?

In the face of continued crisis, leading to governmental bankruptcy, Premier Laval of France was compelled to launch the usual attack on wage-standards and democratic rights.

The kept press wails that "one of the three remaining great democracies" faces the threat of dictatorship—with its reign by terror as in Germany unless the workers, professionals, civil servants and others who have taken part in strikes and street demonstrations submit tamely to loss of income and freedom.

So strongly do these issues appear today in every country, (the United States not excepted, although here the issue is not yet as sharply defined as in France) that even capitalist spokesmen must present matters clearly if they are at all inclined to tell the truth.

We see, then, that when capitalism cannot use "democratic" forms to fool the mass of the people, such rights are smashed in favor of open dictatorship and rule by force—Fascism!

Lenin wrote: "Freedom and democracy have hitherto been freedom and democracy for the property owners and just crumbs from the table for those without property."

Now that even these "democratic rights" are being taken away, huge masses are ready to fight for them, finding the only effective means through such united front organizations as the militant PEOPLES FRONT in France and the LABOR PARTIES now in process of organization in this country.

THE WPA STRIKE

The strike of the building trades workers on New York relief jobs, and the remarkable unity established with white-collar workers, has been the occasion for much featured news and editorial comment in the capitalist press. The inane conclusion reached by many editors that such W.P.A. strikes are ineffectual because they are "against the government" is merely a feeble thought to meet the wish. These gentlemen never bother to stop and ask themselves "whose government is this?" THEY TAKE IT AS A MATTER OF COURSE THAT IT IS THEIR (CAPITALIST) GOVERNMENT.

We concur in this. But add: The thought that it may represent the workers is an illusion that is rapidly dying. So much the better, as millions of workers will turn, if not immediately to the complete program of the Communist Party, at least to independent political action through Labor Party channels.

These are important lessons at least to be learned from the W.P.A. strikes:

- 1) To spread the strike as widely as possible and achieve unity of employed and unemployed, including professional and white-collar workers.
- 2) To begin a strenuous campaign in Central Labor Councils for official recognition of and immediate aid to all active unemployed organizations which take a militant stand with regard to maintaining union wage scales.
- 3) Inclusion of this line of struggle in all Labor Party platforms.

THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

The events preceding and following the Washington Conference indicate that the waterfront employers and their allies in government circles such as McGahey expected to enter a wedge between the Seamen and Longshoremen as the beginning of a series of hammer blows designed to shatter the united strength of the unions composing the Maritime Federation.

But SILENCE FELL immediately after McGahey was forced to acknowledge that he was NOT making his requests for the handling of scab cargo in the name of the government. He even went so far as to support the contention of delegates that certainly the government ought to be the first to support and fulfill the terms of the agreement AND MAKE THE GOVERNMENT DOCK AUTHORITIES IN SAN FRANCISCO PAY UP BACK WAGES LONG OVERDUE.

Instead of bamboozling the delegates, he found himself on the spot. The entire proceedings proved a flop.

It remains to be seen whether the reactionary officials here on the coast can think up any more flim-flam to weaken the position of the men.

If it is true that the employers are willing to renew the agreement with a few minor concessions and are willing to abide by the decision of the majority of the maritime union members as to the handling of scab cargo, there will be no difficulty.

BUT THE REFERENDUM MUST BE A MARITIME FEDERATION MATTER!

Lecture on Soviet Prison System Is Arranged By FSU

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 12.—The third of a series of lectures arranged by the Friends of the Soviet Union will be given at the California Club, 1750 Clay Street, on Tuesday, Aug. 20, at 8 p. m.

Florence Tobey, authority on Soviet Russia, will be the speaker and her subject will be: "Prisons in the Soviet Union."

Prisons, just like everything else in the Soviet Union, have

undergone a tremendous change. As a matter of fact, there are no such institutions as we know them here. The fostering of a strong, social sense is one of the chief aims of the penal system. There is no solitary confinement nor brutality of any kind.

Mrs. Tobey will guide her audience in an intimate tour through Soviet prisons, taking them out of the corners of the land and pointing out all phases of prison activity.

She will tell about the re-education of young boy and girl vagrants, agricultural prisons, prisons with open doors, and so on.

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The writer of this letter is at present in the Soviet Union. He was so overwhelmed by the tremendous progress the workers have made in building Socialism since he was last there, some six years ago, that he had to get his admiration off his chest. This description of a day in Moscow is the result.

By HOMER BOYD
Monday, July 15, 1935

Dear Comrades:

The trip through Europe was, without doubt, the most miserable I have ever been on. I was without sleep for four nights in a row. We sat in a third class wooden compartment, crowded with 8 people—miserable beyond belief.

The French tried and did fleece us—the Germans were most arrogant and hostile—the Poles were the worst grafters, as ever—and all were tense, bitter, impotent etc. When we crossed the border into the Soviet Union everything changed like a sunrise after a tropical storm.

We found a group of courteous Red Army men, neat and business like border officials. The Nizhnei Novgorod Station is now a graceful long hall, airy—not use calling it modern because it beats everything for quiet, cultured dignity that we have in the U. S. The restaurants were clean and well stocked. Instead of the spirit of expense the tourist, they urge at the Kassa—against changing your money (into rubles) because one can buy better for "valuta" (foreign currency).

When we boarded the train, we found that the very same third class ticket put us into a neat, clean and airy compartment, with mattress and bedding (4 to a compartment, but we were only three). The conductor and porter make no gestures to obtain tips and are very courteous. It is impossible to convey my feeling about these three days of struggle that we had with the railroad

officials of other countries, whose one aim in life seemed to be to charge extra, rob and threaten you with being thrown off by the police unless you kicked through.

Even when I offered to pay for extra towels in the USSR, the porter refused in a very courteous and reassuring way. For the first time on the railroads I slept, from 10:30 P. M. to 10 A. M. the next day, yet it seemed I had slept but two minutes.

We were taken from the station to a hotel, where we cleaned up, registered, and "got set". This afternoon we went to the Park of Culture and Rest. We went into a subway. There is no use trying to describe that subway, although I shall try.

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